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Red-eye turnaround from California to DC

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Any Californians doing a one day turn around to DC? Fly out to Dulles on the red-eye 1/5 and fly back on 1/6 in the evening? Asking for a friend...

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▼ Can you do the red eye on the 7th? To get to Dulles from downtown you'll have to give yourself 2+ hours.

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▼ It only shows 36min from Lincoln memorial to Dulles. Having a hard time finding flights to/from DCA.

Would it be unreasonable to leave at 4pm to head to Dulles, it's a 6:30pm return? I know there is no schedule of events, but I don't need to be around at night for the after party...

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▼ Oh for some reason I was thinking metro to Dulles. Leaving at 4:04 PM with metro will take 159 minutes. But if you're taking a cab, that would be quicker. I still don't think 36 minutes though. At the rally in November, it took me 20 minutes just to get into VA due to traffic. And I think there will be more street closures tomorrow (so you'll have a longer walk to a cab pickup).

Street closures: <https://wtop.com/dc/2021/01/downtown-dc-street-closures-planned-for-jan-6-pro-trump-rally/>

If your flight is at 6:36, I would start walking toward your cab pickup at 2 PM. In a cab at 2:30, I think it will take up to an hour to get to Dulles. You will probably beat most of the crowd at that time though. I just can't believe 36 minutes... I would take a cab no later than 3:30 because I think there will be traffic from the crowd trying to leave before dusk.

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▼ Or leave from DCA. That would save you an hour

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